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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 834

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Wesley Blalock, 2000 Valedictorian
of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Blalock is one such exceptional student who recently was named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Wesley has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Wesley Blalock has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while actively participating in countless extracurricular activities, including the Art Club, the Interact Club, the Math Club, the Ski Club, and American Field Studies; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Wesley has rendered astute service as the Senior class president, the president of the Teen Board, a committee chairman in the National Honors Society, the treasurer of the National Art Honors Society, the head junior representative of the

Teen Board, and as a member of the Student Council and the Tennessee Bar Association Youth Empowerment Summit Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, his impeccable leadership abilities have been duly noted with the bestowing of the Rotary Club Youth Leadership Award, a nomination to the National Young Leaders Conference, and an appointment to the Citizens National Bank Youth Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his academic excellence, Wesley Blalock was inducted into the National Honors Society, the National Art Honors Society, and the Beta Club and was listed among *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Wesley's amazing intellect has been recognized by his receipt of numerous prestigious awards, including the full-tuition Maryville College Presidential Scholarship and the United States National Mathematics Award, in addition to being named the Hugh O'Brien Outstanding Sophomore, a Tennessee Looks Good to Me representative, a Centre College Fellow, and a National Merit Semifinalist; and

WHEREAS, Wesley's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, greatly admired and respected by his fellow classmates, Wesley Blalock was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" in the senior superlatives; and

WHEREAS, Wesley's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Kim and Danny Blalock, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Wesley Blalock faithfully worships the Lord at the First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Wesley has donated his time and many talents to a number of community organizations and noteworthy causes, including the American Youth Soccer Organization, of which he served as a regional referee and coach, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Friends of the West Prong, the Gatlinburg Festival of Trees, Kids Vote!, the Balloons and Bluegrass Festival, and the 4-H Wacky Science Program; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Blalock's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Wesley Blalock, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.